

DEPARTMENT • 21

MAPLE SYRUP

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Judge - TBD

RULES

See General Rules and Regulations online at <https://www.farmshow.pa.gov/pafarmshow/exhibit/rules-regulations>

Use general entry blank online at <https://www.farmshow.pa.gov/pafarmshow/exhibit/forms-registration>

Entry fees for all categories are sponsored by the Pennsylvania Maple Producers

-- ALL ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED ONLINE ONLY --

Early entry is encouraged. Register online at www.farmshow.pa.gov,

ENTRIES CLOSE AT 6:00 P.M. JANUARY 3, 2024

1. All entries must have been produced by the exhibitor from trees located in Pennsylvania since the 2023 Farm Show.
2. No exhibitor may enter more than one exhibit in any single class or subclass.
3. All products should be entered in containers or packages in which they would normally be sold.
4. All products, except for Classes 14-19, must have: 1. Syrup Products - grade labels; 2. Name and address of the producer (the address is not necessarily a postal address, but can be any information that would allow the producer to be located such as a website with contact information, a city and state, etc.); 3. Label of net contents by weight or fluid volume.
5. All syrup containers must display a label identifying the syrup as Grade A - Golden, Grade A - Amber, Grade A - Dark, or Grade A - Very Dark.
6. All products must meet current USDA Maple Syrup Grades & Standards found at: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/MapleSyrupStandards.pdf>.
7. Preregistered entries may begin to arrive on Thursday, January 4, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. and must arrive by 9:00 a.m. on Friday, January 5, 2024
8. Judging will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 5, 2024.
9. No premiums will be awarded in any class unless the exhibits are worthy. The judges may withhold any premium for lack of merit. All decisions of the judges are final upon competition of judging.
10. All exhibits may be picked up by the exhibitor between 5 p.m.-7 p.m. on Saturday, January 13, 2024. Any exhibit not claimed by 7 p.m. will become the property of the Farm Show. Any exhibit removed before the listed times without Show Management approval will result in forfeiture of **all** premiums.

Scorecard for syrup entries

Flavor	40 points
Color.....	10 points
Density	25 points
Clarity.....	15 points
Container	10 points
	100 points

Syrups with a density of 65.9 percent Brix or less will be disqualified from judging. If there is a visible foreign object, the entry will be disqualified from judging.

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CLASSIFICATION

Class 1. Syrup in plastic to consist of 1/2 gallon.

Class 2. Syrup in plastic to consist of a quart.

Syrup in glass, from 1/2 pint to less than a quart in size. Entries shall be graded by the producer according to USDA color grades. Grade A - Golden, Grade A - Amber, Grade A - Dark, or Grade A - Very Dark. Entries shall be judged in their respective color grade classes as entered. All four grade classes may be entered.

Class 3. Grade A - Golden

Class 4. Grade A - Amber

Class 5. Grade A - Dark

Class 6. Grade A - Very Dark

Class 7. Sugar, cake (aka maple sugar candy), small individual pieces, not less than 1/2 pound in all.

Class 8. Sugar, cake (aka maple sugar candy), small individual pieces crystal coated, not less than 1/2 pound in all.

Class 9. Sugar, crumb, not less than 1/2 pound.

Class 10. Maple Cream not less than 1/2 pound.

Scorecard - Maple Sugar, Crumb, & Cream

Appearance	25 points
Texture	30 points
Flavor	35 points
Package.....	10 points
	100 points

Class 11. Individual Educational Exhibit - The exhibit shall be made up of four products representative of Classes 1 through 10. The exhibit shall be an educational display for the good of the maple syrup production industry. Display shall be confined to 4 linear feet of width, 36" depth and 36" height. A 3' foldout display board is recommended. The same exhibit may not be entered in consecutive years. Products will not be judged. Products must be produced by the exhibitor.

Scorecard

Educational Value.....	50 points
Appearance	25 points
Originality.....	25 points
	100 points

Class 12. A gift pack which must contain at least three maple products, including syrup. No products will be judged.

Scorecard

Overall Appearance/Attractiveness.....	25 points
Product Count	25 points
Originality.....	25 points
Individual Packaging	25 points
	100 points

Class 13. The association exhibit should have a central maple theme that is educational to the general public. Education, attractiveness, and public appeal should be stressed. Included should be a Pennsylvania map with association area indicated on it. The exhibit must be completed and in place by 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 7, 2023. Exhibits should include at least three samples of different maple products. Products will not be judged.

Scorecard

Educational Value.....	60 points
Attractiveness of Entire Exhibit	30 points
Presentations of Products	10 points
	100 points

Other uses of Maple Syrup: These food items must contain a sufficient amount of a pure maple product so that flavor, consistency, or sweetness is affected. These foods should exhibit those characteristics generally associated with other foods in the class. The recipe, on 4” x 6” paper or card for the item, must be submitted with the entry.

Class 14. Candy - A confection that uses Maple Syrup and/or Maple Syrup value-added product(s) as a significant flavor source.

Class 15. Baked Goods - Cookies. A display of six cookies on a sturdy plate in plastic bag.

Class 16. Baked Goods - Pies. One pie displayed in a disposable tin pie pan, wrapped in plastic wrap or in plastic bag.

Class 17. Baked Goods - Other. Display to be on disposable container covered with plastic wrap or in plastic bag.

Class 18. Salad Dressings. One 8- to 16-ounce container.

Class 19. Other Maple Syrup uses in food.

Scorecard - Other Uses

Maple Flavor	50 points
Eating Quality: Flavor, Texture, Aroma	30 points
Appearance	10 points
Recipe.....	10 points
	100 points

Maple Syrup Products Premiums

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Class 1.....	\$65	\$50	\$45	\$40	\$35		
Classes 2 through 10 & 14-19 ...	\$35	\$30	\$25	\$20	\$15		
Class 11.....	\$150	\$120	\$100	\$90	\$80	\$75	Rosette
Class 12.....	\$65	\$50	\$45	\$40	\$35		
Class 13.....	\$250	\$220	\$190	\$180	\$150		Rosette

Class 20. Best Syrup of Show - Rosette. Competition of first-place entry in Classes 1-6; tie will be broken by flavor judging.

Class 21. Best Collective Pure Maple Products Exhibitor - Plaque. To qualify for Best Collective Pure Maple Products Exhibitor the following classes MUST be entered: Classes 1 and 2, three of Classes 3-6 (if there are entries in all Classes 3-6, the highest score of three of the four classes will be used), Classes 7-10. The total score in all required classes will be summed and the highest total score will be the Best Collective Pure Maple Products Exhibitor. A tie will be broken by the highest score in Classes 1-6. A secondary tie will be broken by flavor.

Class 22. Premier Exhibitor - Plaque. To qualify for Premier Exhibitor, the following classes MUST be entered: Classes 1 and 2, three of Classes 3-6 (if there are entries in all Classes 3-6, the highest score of three of the four classes will be used), Classes 7-12 and Class 14, one of Classes 15-17 (if more than one of these classes is entered, the highest score of the those entered will be used), one of Classes 18-19 (if both classes are entered, the highest score of the two will be used). The highest total score of the required classes will be the Premier Maple Syrup Exhibitor. A tie will be broken by the score of Class 11.